Minutes of Educational Policies and Planning Committee

December 2, 1996

David Lawrence (chair) presided. The minutes of the November 8, 1996, meeting were approved.

The chair asked Bob Thompson to explain the proposed revisions to the ECU Faculty Manual, Part V, Academic Information which result from the suggested change in appendix F of the definition of the vice chancellor for research and graduate studies as dean of the Graduate School and UNC General Administration's altered timetable for submission of permission to plan documents. Henry Ferrell suggested a routing form for the planning process. The revisions to faculty manual were approved.

The chair referred the committee to the university attorney's letter on monetary conflict of interest regarding use of textbooks written by ECU faculty. The chair recommended that discussion of the conflict of interest issue be divided into two parts. After considerable discussion a motion was made to make the following statement to the Faculty Senate: "In regard to department-generated laboratory manuals and other student-required materials, the committee sees no conflict of interest." The motion passed.

Henry Ferrell moved, and John Cope seconded, the following recommendation: "Let the administration take appropriate steps to notify a faculty member adopting a textbook that he or she has authored, of the existence of North Carolina statute 14-236." The motion passed. This motion will be reported to the Faculty Senate, and will be a recommendation to the Chancellor.

Respectfully submitted,

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